

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2000, Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers
City of La Quinta
78-495 Calle Tampico
La Quinta, CA 92253

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Michael Smith at 10:00 a.m. on May 10, 2000, in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

1. Roll Call

The following Board Members were present: Don Cox, Gary Johnson, Michael Smith, Brenda Soulliere, and Nancy Wright

Absent: Mary Ann Martin Andreas and Elvera Codekas

2. Staff Present

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jeff Allred, Jose Angel, John Carmona, Liann Chavez, Orlando Gonzalez, Beatrice Griffey, Phil Gruenberg, Abdi Haile, Cecilia Irwin, Danny McClure, Rafael Molina, Gary Morris, Robert Perdue, Judy Reed, Kristie Taylor, Doug Vu, Ben Zabinsky, Mohammad Zaidi, and Nadim Zeywar.

3. Others Present

Karen O'Haire, State Water Resources Control Board
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
Mark Draper, Salado Creek
Randy Hines, City of El Centro
Laurie Holk, Riverside County
Hans Kernkamp, Riverside County

4. Minutes of Meeting of April 12, 2000

The minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements

NPDES Permits

00-014 Coachella Valley Water District, Owner and Operator; Mid Valley Water Reclamation Facility No. 4 – Thermal, Riverside County.

Waste Discharge Requirements

NOTE: Board Order No. 00-008, Coachella Valley Water District, Owner and Operator; Palm Desert Wastewater Reclamation Facility, Water Reclamation Plant No. 10, Palm Desert – Riverside County was tabled for future Board Meeting.

00-044 Heber Geothermal Company, Owner; U.S. Trust Company of New York, Land Owner; Ogden Geothermal Operation, Inc. Operator; Heber Geothermal Plant Evaporation and Holding Basins, South of Heber – Imperial County

00-052 County of Riverside, Owner and Operator; Oasis Sanitary Landfill, Oasis – Riverside County

MOTION: Mr. Johnson moved, Mr. Cox seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Orders No. 00-014, 00-044 and 00-052, including the errata sheet, be adopted.

00-045 County of Riverside, Waste Management Department, Land Owner; Salado Creek Enterprises, LLC Facility Owner and Operator; Coachella Landfill Compost Management Facility, North of Coachella – Riverside County.

MOTION: Ms. Soulliere moved, Mr. Johnson seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Order No. 00-045, including both errata sheets, be adopted.

6. Compliance with Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 98-103 for Marriott's Desert Springs Resort

Robert Perdue, Regional Board staff, addressed the Board concerning Cleanup and Abatement Order No. 98-103 for Marriott's Desert Springs Resort. Mr. Perdue gave a status report for the site and described ongoing and potential remediation measures.

7. Informational Update on State Board Activities

Karen O'Haire, State Board Office of the Chief Council, informed the Regional Board that there will hopefully be a new State Board Member Liaison to announce at the next Board Meeting.

8. Regional Board Executive Officer Report

Phil Gruenberg, Regional Board Executive Officer, briefly explained the history and adoption of the Inland Surface Waters Plan. Mr. Gruenberg also discussed the Administrative Civil Liability Complaint (ACLC) for the City of El Centro. Mr. Gruenberg has recommended a penalty of \$15,000 and believes that the ACLC will not be contested.

9. Regional Board Staff Reports

John Carmona discussed Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET). Mr. Carmona explained concerns involving WET and actions being taken by staff regarding these issues.

Liann Chavez gave an overview of the proposed Salton Sea Enhanced Evaporation System (EES) Project, and promised to keep the Board informed as the project develops and WDRs are drafted.

10. Chair's Report

The Chair had nothing to report at this Board Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.